

REMARKS

Claims 17-18 were allowed in the present application, however, claims 1-16 and 19-20 were not. In order to enable an Appeal to progress without tying up the allowed claims for an indeterminate period of time, applicant proposes canceling claims 17-18 so that they can be pursued in a continuation application.

Since entry of this Amendment is not a matter of right, the accompanying Appeal Brief references this Amendment but the Claims Appendix reflects the claims prior to entry of this Amendment.

If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, the undersigned representative of the appellant may be contacted at (512) 858-9910.

Respectfully submitted,

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